



PARISH OF ST JOHN XXIII, PRESTON

St Joseph's and English Martyrs' Churches

Incorporating the districts of St Augustine, English Martyrs, St Ignatius, St Joseph & St Teresa

4th/ 11th October 2026

Twenty-Seventh/Twenty-Eighth Weeks of the Year [A]

	Time	Church	
Sunday 4th October <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday</i>	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	SJ	[Sat 3 rd] Vigil Mass Margaret Taylor
<i>Rosary Sunday</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass Manuel Francis & Anna Graca
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	followed by Rosary & Benediction
	5.00pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
			Mass Pro Populo
Monday 5th October <i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i>			No Public Mass
Tuesday 6th October <i>of 27th week of the Year</i>			No Public Mass
Wednesday 7th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>			No Public Mass
Thursday 8th October <i>of 27th week of the Year</i>			No Public Mass
Friday 9th October <i>St John Henry Newman</i>			No Public Mass
Saturday 10th October <i>St Paulinus of York</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass Priest's Intentions
	5.30-5.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	6.00pm	SJ	Vigil Mass Rosy's Intentions
Sunday 11th October <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday/</i> <i>**Patronal Feast of</i> <i>St John XXIII**</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Prisoners &</i> <i>Families</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass Wilfrid Noblett
	4.00pm	SJ	Followed by Parish Social
	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	Rosary & Benediction
	5.00pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
			Mass Pro Populo
Monday 12th October <i>St Wilfrid</i>	9.30am	SI	Mass Joan Bradley
			Mass @ St Ignatius' School
Tuesday 13th October <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	9.00-9.20am	SJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	9.30am	SJ	Mass Christina Skerritt
	2.00pm	CtK	Mass Year 9
			Mass @ Christ the King School
Wednesday 14th October <i>St Callistus I</i>			No Public Mass
Thursday 15th October <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	9.30am	SJ	Requiem Mass Olivia Heary-Botham
	6.00pm	SJ	1 st Confession & 1 st Communion Info Meeting
Friday 16th October <i>St Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	6.00-6.20pm	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.30pm	SJ	Mass Sushila P.
			followed by veneration of relics
Saturday 17th October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	9.30am	SJ	Mass B/day Maverick
	10-10.30am	SJ	Exposition & Sacrament of Penance
	6.00pm	SJ	Vigil Mass Margaret Davies
Sunday 18th October <i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday</i>	11.15am	SJ	Mass Brian Hughes
	12.45pm	SJ	Baptism Rayan & Amara Kiyani-Sawicki/a
	4.00pm	SJ	Rosary & Benediction
<i>Special Collection: World Missions</i>	4.30-4.50pm	SJ	Sacrament of Penance [Confessions]
	5.00pm	SJ	Mass Pro Populo
EM = English Martyrs [PR1 1NA]			SJ = St Joseph [PR1 5UQ]

OUR PRAYERS

We pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners and those who care for them. We also pray for all the lately dead: Olivia Heary-Botham and all whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elizabeth Woodruff, Clara Hodgson, Casimiro Cordeiro, Eddy Curzon, Joan Bradley, and Louise Smith.

PARISH CENSUS

Could each household of the parish complete a new **parish census form**, found in the Church porch or on our website. You may share this with neighbours and relations who are lapsed within the parish for them to complete their record on our census.

REQUESTING THE SACRAMENTS

Speaking to Fr Etienne after Sunday Masses the best place to start our enquires for Baptism, 1st Holy Communion, Confirmations, marriage, rooted in worshipping life of our parish.

CONSIDERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Do you think God might be calling you to follow Him in the Catholic Church? Do you know of others who are curious about our Catholic Faith, or someone lapsed from the Catholic Faith? Fr Etienne would be very pleased to assist you, and those you encourage, in learning about the Catholic Faith.

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

For those families with children who are currently at least 8 years old [school year 4+] who would like to consider preparing for these two Sacraments in our parish in 2027, enquiry forms are still available at the back of church, after weekend Masses, to be completed and returned to the parish office by Sunday 25th October 2026.

N.B: Secondary school children, please speak to Fr Etienne to make alternative arrangements.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Fr Etienne continues to invite young parishioners who are aged 10-14 years old [*School Years 6-8*] and who are not confirmed to take an application form which should be completed and returned to the parish office by Sunday 25th October 2026. All details of dates and times are in the letter.

N.B: A date will be arranged subject to interest.

**Fr Etienne is away for the inside of this week for a short break, hence the two-week newsletter.*

PARISH PATRONAL FEAST

Next Sunday, 11th October, is the feast day of St John XXIII, the principal patron of our parish. We will be having a little social after 11.15am Mass at St Joseph's. Do contribute something [a cultural experience from the great makeup of our parish] and/or join us! A small raffle will take place for parish funds – **we are in need of a few new cassocks and cottas** for our altar servers!

ROSARY SUNDAY

Traditionally, the first Sunday in the Month of the Holy Rosary [October] is known as 'Rosary Sunday.' To celebrate this great month and most beautiful prayer Rosary & Benediction will follow directly from 11.15am Mass this Sunday, 4th October. This replaces the regular 4.00pm devotions & Benediction.

ROSARY FOR THE FAMILY

Please consider joining the on-line Rosary for Voice of the Family on Zoom at 7.45 pm every evening. It can be accessed from our website www.voiceofthefamily.com

BABY LOSS MEMORIAL [9th – 15th October]

We remember those children lost in the womb and in infancy. We pray for their grieving parents also. Perhaps remember your own, or others' lost children and their families when lighting a candle at Our Lady's Altar or visiting St Gerard Majella's, patron of the pro-life movement, unborn children, and expectant mothers.

THINKING OF BEING A PRIEST?

Come to a Day of Discernment, for young single men [16+] to consider the Priesthood: Saturday 31st October 10am – 3.30pm at Lancaster Cathedral [LA1 3BT]. Contact the Vocations Director: heather.watts@lrcd.org.uk.

MATER ECCLESIAE – Multi-Academy Trust

Parents who may be considering applying for places in our parish schools must make sure to complete the school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF). This enables the school to apply its Catholic admissions criteria for admitting Catholic Children. Scan the QR code to visit the Multi-Academy Trust's admission page which directs you to most of our various parish schools.



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